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PIVOTABLE SEAT**

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

This invention relates to a rollator which tubular frame assembly comprising a pair of U-shaped side frames connected by a front brace. The side frames also have a cross bar that extends between the front legs and the back legs of the frame. The side frames are pivotably attached to the front brace so that the side frames can fold inward. Further, the rollator has a molded rigid seat that is mounted on pivot brackets to allow it to pivot upward out of the way of the user. The pivot brackets have an offset axis of rotation so that the seat nestles in a curved area of the front brace.

As authorized and encouraged under 37 C.F.R. §1.97-1.99, applicant hereby cites as a means of complying with the duty of disclosure set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.56, the following patents and/or documents, copies enclosed, which the Examiner should consider with respect to the above-identified United States Patent Application:

PATENT NO.	INVENTOR(S)	DATE	TITLE
2,866,495	Diehl, et al.	12/30/58	Invalid Folding Walker and Chair
4,907,794	Rose	03/13/90	Foldable Rolling Walker
5,172,715	Webb	12/22/92	Collapsible Walker
5,224,717	Lowen	07/06/93	Walking Aid Device
5,224,721	Santmann	07/06/93	Walker Having Folding And Pivoting Seat Apparatus
5,353,824	Woods et al.	10/11/94	Bifold Seat For Folding Walker
5,433,235	Miric et al.	07/18/95	Foldable and Lockable Walker
5,882,067	Carbajal et al.	03/16/99	Rigid Seat For Folding Invalid Walker
5,904,168	Alulyan	05/18/99	Walker With An Expandable Seat
6,099,002	Uchiyama	08/08/00	Foldable Walking-Assistant Device
Des. 310,646	Rose	09/18/90	Foldable Rolling Walker
4,518,002	Battiston, et al.	05/21/85	Foldable Walker with Plunger Actuated Latch Assembly

4,640,301	Battiston, et al.	02/03/87	Foldable Walker With Plunger Actuated Latch Assembly
4,619,282	Battison	10/28/86	Clamps for Invalid Walker to Enhance Structural Integrity
4,643,211	Morris, et al.	02/17/87	Collapsible Walking Frame Having Pivotal Seat
5,020,560	Turbeville	06/04/91	Walker Having Wheels and Brakes
5,201,333	Shalmon et al.	04/13/93	Folding Walker
5,275,187	Davis	01/04/94	Foldable Walker
5,419,571	Vaughan	05/30/95	Wheel Chair With Provisions For Patient Walker
5,579,793	Gajewski et al.	12/03/96	Foldable Walker
5,603,517	Lorman	02/18/97	Walkers

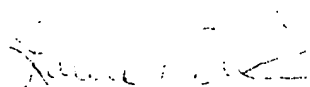
Copies of the publications are included for the express purpose of providing the Patent and Trademark Office with an ample opportunity to evaluate the same and to arrive at an independent assessment of their materiality, if any, with regard to the examination of the application.

In reviewing the enclosed copies of the above publications, the Examiner is requested to ignore any underscoring or highlighting which may appear because such markings may or may not have any relationship to the subject matter of the above-identified application. The copies being submitted with this Information Disclosure Statement are the best copies available at this time.

An examination of the present application considering the above documents is requested.

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